

LOCAL NEWS.

O. & A. R. R.—This important road is to be transferred by the War Department, on the 27th inst., to Messrs. Jamieson and Quigley, the Agents of the Virginia Board of Public Works. The trains are to commence running next week to Bull Run, in a few days afterwards to Warrenton, and the entire line opened to Gordonsville as soon as practicable. Mr. McCafferty, formerly military superintendent of the road, is to continue as superintendent; a most excellent appointment of a competent gentleman.

ROBBERY.—Last night, some person or persons climbed up to the second story window of the house owned by Henry Daingerfield, corner of Prince and Columbus streets, occupied by Robt. Crupper, and stole from Mr. C's pocket, (his clothes hanging near the window) his wallet, containing some \$40, and, also, carried off a pair of shoes lying on the floor. This was a most daring robbery.

The paragraph about the killing of a son of the late Augus McDonald of Hampshire, in yesterday's Gazette, was incorrect. It was a man named McDonough, who, being pursued, and finding he could not escape, killed himself.

Mr. Johnston, of Alexandria, is the Chairman of the Committees on Courts of Justice, on Roads, and Internal Improvements, and on Enrolled Bills; and Mr. Harmon, of Alexandria, is the Chairman of the Committees on Propositions and Grievances and on Banks, in the Virginia House of Delegates.

The National Intelligencer states that measures will be taken at an early day to ascertain the indebtedness of the Orange and Alexandria R. R. company, and it is intended that the Union stockholders shall be paid off."—The Agents of the Board of Public Works for this road, will have their office in Alexandria.

On Sunday afternoon next, the Rev. J. G. Butler, of the Lutheran Church, of Washington, will preach in the first Presbyterian Church, in this city with a view to organize a Lutheran mission.

Several persons have been fined within the last few days, for not attending to the regulation for keeping clean alleys, yards, &c. And there have been convictions and fines for the illegal sale of liquor.

The attention of all concerned is called to the notice of the Superintendent of Police, published in our advertising columns. We are glad to record that the vigilance and attention of this officer, are highly spoken of by the citizens generally.

Lewis Thornton Powell, the man who attempted to kill Secretary Seward, came to this city about the first of last January. He sold his horse here, gave his name as Payne, and took the oath of allegiance, as a refugee from Fauquier county, Va.

Col. Robt. Boyd, 2d D. C. Volunteers, dismissed the service some time since has been restored to his rank, with all back pay.

Gold, in New York, to day, 141½.

LETTER FROM GEN. WELLS.

[From the Washington Chronicle]

In view of the action of Governor Peirpoint in calling the Legislature of Virginia together for the purpose of removing the disability from those who have been engaged in rebellion, and allowing them to vote and hold office, a large delegation of the loyal men of the State yesterday visited the President and laid various matters of importance before him. During the interview the following emphatic letter was submitted to the President from General Wells: HEADQ'RS PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, DEFENCES SOUTH OF THE POTOMAC, ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 21, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note inviting me to accompany a committee of loyal citizens of Virginia in a call upon the President of the United States. My official duties deny me that pleasure, but I cannot forego the opportunity of expressing my earnest sympathy in the movement you are inaugurating. Very soon after the fall of Richmond I became aware that many of the leading Secessionists, despairing of resisting, by force of arms, the power of the Government, or the mighty logic of events, which was soon to make Virginia truly free, had determined to attempt by policy what force could not do. Therefore it was that, soon after that event, these persons, in considerable numbers, and with such concert as to indicate a common purpose, appeared and took the oath of allegiance. An election of members of the Legislature was soon to be held, and among those who announced themselves as candidates were some who had uniformly refused to take the oath, and preferred to lose their property and be separated from their families rather than acknowledge the supremacy of the Government of the United States. Two years of duty here and such general acquaintance as it brought taught me that an oath of allegiance was not conclusive evidence of loyalty, but that it was merely worthless, unless accompanied by consistent conduct and loyal acts, and no surprise was felt when, on counting the vote, it was found that these gentlemen were elected by large majorities to represent the people in a State government whose legal existence they had positively denied, and for whose overthrow some of them had within one year plotted and conspired. No one for a moment misunderstood their design, for it was too palpable, and too frequently admitted by the less discreet, to leave room for doubt. With the legislation in the hands of these men, the calling of a Constitutional Convention, which would repeal the present and restore the old Constitution, would be a work of short time and little labor, but very sad in its consequences both to the white and black man. The country is to day in a most disturbed condition. The rights of property are not respected; the man whose fidelity to the Government has never been questioned, is told by men fresh from the ranks of the enemy, that Virginia will soon furnish him no home; that its boundaries are not broad enough; that there is no room for the "Yankee" or those who helped to carry on "the Yankee war." The colored man, who was held worthy to bear arms, and did fight bravely, finds no protection, peace, or security, except when in the immediate presence of a military force, and not always even then. This is all wrong, and you are in danger of losing the very things for which the war has been prosecuted; you may theorize and speculate to the contrary, but the facts remain, and the only wise course is to admit their existence and provide the remedy. And what is that remedy? It is, in my judgment, to establish a military provisional Government, to locate a sufficient military force to preserve peace, command respect, and secure order. In other words, to vindicate the supremacy of the law. The disfranchise those who are not loyal; making loyal acts, and not a paper oath, the test of loyalty. This done create a perpetual balance of power, which will at all times secure you from your political danger, or more plainly, let

the nigger vote. He has fought—let him enjoy the fruits of victory, which he helped to win; and in extending the elective franchise to him, it is done, not because he is a negro, but because he is a free native born citizen of the United States, twenty-one years of age, of sound mind, who has always been, and now is, faithful to his Government, obeying all the laws of the State; and every man, white or black, who has such a record, ought to vote. It is true there is a prejudice, an old prejudice, against such a measure; but then it is only a prejudice, and not an argument, and should be weighed as such.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. WELLS,

Brevet Brigadier General and Provost Marshal General Defences South of Potomac.

To S. F. BEACH, Esq.,

President Virginia Union Association.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A "Democratic Republican Association" has been formed in Norfolk, Va., agreeing not to vote for any man for office who is not in favor of negro suffrage.

Gen. Wm. C. Wickham, of Hanover county, has received a pardon from the President through the intercession of his friend, Mr. John Minor Botts.

The Richmond papers all speak in the most favorable terms of the recommendations, generally, in Governor Peirpoint's message.

Maj. Wilmer McLean, is the owner of a farm known as Yorkshire, upon which was fought the first battle of the late war, July 18, 1861, known as "Bull Run." He is also owner of the mansion at Appomattox C. H., in which the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia was signed.

SANITARY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that any persons detected in depositing dead animals, offal, or garbage on the vacant lots in the vicinity of Hunting Creek, or elsewhere, without immediately causing the same to be buried, as provided by the ordinance of the corporation, will be arrested and the fullest penalty of the law inflicted upon the offenders; and, all persons residing in the vicinity where these deposits are usually made, will confer a favor on the undersigned by reporting to him the names of persons offending in the manner above referred to.

A Reward of \$2.50 will be paid for any information that will lead to the detection and conviction of the parties violating the law, as above.

JOSEPH COLTON,
je 23—3t Superintendent of Police.

VEGETABLE COVERS,
AND
WATER COOLERS.

Just received, an assortment of the above, for sale at reduced rates.

JAMES F. CARLIN,
je 23—eo2w* 63 King street.

ULAM W. BARKER,

No. 5, Ferry Slip, Blacklock's Wharf,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.,

Keeps on hand, constantly, a supply of OAK and PINE WOOD, which he will sell at the lowest market rates.

je 23—1m

J. EDWARD CHASE,

DENTAL SURGEON,

Office over Dr. Stabler's Drug store, corner of King and Washington sts., Alexandria Va.

je 23—1f

DRY GOODS AT AUCTION.

On Saturday morning next, (the 24th) at 10 o'clock, at my Sales Room, corner of King and Water streets, I shall expose to sale a lot of choice Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings.

All persons desiring such goods are invited to examine them before the day of sale.

Also, Household and Office Furniture, with many other goods.

JOHN H. PARROTT,
je 23—2t Auctioneer.